

Botanical & Geological Jard.
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Sir
I have the honor to submit to you
Mr. Drift's report on garden operations
and Mr. Carter's on the Geological
Department for October & November
and my report for the latter part of
December.

Mr. Drift's reports as follows on October
operations,

The clearing of old beds has been
continued between the Monkey house
and Office, besides two on the Band
Stand and three on the Terrace.

All the plants taken from these beds
that were of any use have been planted
in various parts of the garden a great
many on either side of the Garden
Road entrance.

The walks leading to the Monkey
house have been remodelled & remade
with red clay well rounded in &
covered with sand, & the large
sightly drains have been filled in
and dunged over.

The Rhinoceros Bath has been
filled up with soil.

Owing to the continued drought much
labour has been expended in watering
the newly planted trees & shrubs.

The new Luf also we have been
obliged to water every evening to keep
it alive.

In the Nursery, the weather being
unfavorable no planting could be
done; the work consequently was
confined to cleaning the old &
making the new nursery grounds.

A Box containing Seeds & Bulbs of
flowering plants was received from
the Hon^{ble} W. H. Read brought out
from England.

The Masons have been occupied
in making drains along the road
leading over the hill, and a fine
brick drain on one side of the foot
path leading to the Lake. The drain
also running past the Leopards has
been made good.

I have the honor to be
Your obt. Servt.

J. Smith
Chief Gardener
Foot Capts.

To

H. J. Martin Esq.
Capt. R. R. Zoo Garden Assoc.

November.

The cleared Beds have been leveled & the soil carted away so as to be in readiness for Lusfug when the weather is favourable.

A plot of ground in the rear of the Coolie house has been stripped for the purpose of leveling, the turf being laid over the closed up road.

At each entrance of the four walks leading to the Monkey house a stone has been placed, to prevent visitors driving round & so breaking the drains.

The Bamboo hedges have all been trimmed and the Lily Lake has been cleaned out.

The Contractor has supplied some Lathite for the purpose of mending the roads near the principal entrance and near the Band Stand.

Large quantities of sand have been dug out of the lake for the use of the Masons & for spreading over the foot paths.

In the Nursery the trenching of the new ground has been continued and beds are in preparation for the reception of cuttings so soon as the rains arrive.

Nine large plants of Liberian Coffee have been planted out as suggested by the Hon^{ble} Col Secretary. The Masses have been occupied in

making good several deficiencies in
the old drains and carrying a drain
under the main road leading from
the Band stand. The Bricks being
all used up they proceeded with
the paving of both the new & old
Drains which is now completed.

J. Smith
I have the honor to be
Yours Obedt Servt.

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